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File: ~~Garrochales LF~~
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Dear Mr. Gelabert:

The following are review comments concerning the water aspects of the "Preliminary Site Inspection Report" of the Garrochales landfill near Arecibo, P.R.

*Cambalache Forest or
at Garrochales ward*

*Arecibo
Landfill*

1. The sampling from the two wells located 2.25 miles upgradient (southwest of the landfill area) cannot be used as criteria to evaluate the potential for ground-water contamination due to the landfill.
2. According to the report "Restoration of Freshwater in the Caño Tiburones Area, Puerto Rico" (USGS WRI 83-4071), the top of the Aymamón aquifer is about 70 feet below land surface at the southern part of Caño Tiburones and not 200 feet as established in the subject site inspection report.

Cordially,

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